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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Volker Döring et al.

Title: EXHAUST GAS TURBINE FOR TURBOCHARGERS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references considered to represent the state of the art. What are considered to be the closest references, that is, DE 196 45 388 A1, and DE 100 28 751 A1 have been discussed in the introductory part of the application.

The references do not disclose that in an exhaust gas turbine for a turbocharger of an internal combustion engine with a casing and a rotor rotatably supported in the casing, the casing includes an inlet duct with a guide vane structure

supported so as to be movable into and out of a flow inlet area to the rotor by means of an electric motor.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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		196 45 388	05/14/98	DE			
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